

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are amended; and Claims 12-14 are added by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3 and 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Stenman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,029, hereafter “Stenman”) in view of Ugawa (Japanese Publication No. 2002239178, hereafter “Ugawa”) and Matsumoto (U.S. Patent No. 7,017,125, hereafter “Matsumoto”); and Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Stenman in view of Ugawa and Matsumoto, and further in view of Gopinath (U.S. Patent No. 5,990,885).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of Claims 1, 3, and 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 1 recites a remote control terminal including input means, obtaining means, and displaying means, wherein a service manager includes storing means for storing a plurality of pieces of instruction information, the pieces of instruction information showing the user *procedures how to obtain the predetermined services* and being referred to by the user. The input means selects the plurality of pieces of instruction information stored in the storing means, the obtaining means obtains the instruction information selected by the input means from the storing means, and the displaying means displays the *information corresponding to the service obtained by the obtaining means to a user*, and also displays the instruction information obtained by the obtaining means, the instruction information showing the user *procedures how to obtain the selected service* and being referred to by the user.

With the above configuration, the remote control terminal provides a user not only with the ability to remotely **obtain available services**, but also with instruction information,

such as operating manuals, that show the user **procedures how to obtain** the various available services. By referring to this instruction information, a user can easily obtain and enjoy various services available via the remote control terminal.

The outstanding Office Action acknowledges that Stenman fails to teach or suggest “displaying information corresponding to the service obtained by the obtaining means.”<sup>1</sup> However, outstanding Office Action asserts that Ugawa cures this deficiency of Stenman by describing displaying information corresponding to the service obtained by the obtaining means in the abstract and paragraphs [0008, 0018, and 0020-0021].

Applicant respectfully disagrees, and submits that Ugawa is directed to providing a game [arcade] monitoring image information providing system capable of easily offering a monitoring image in a game [arcade] at a low cost to a user such as a manager.”<sup>2</sup> Specifically, Ugawa describes a system where surveillance cameras produce images and video which as stored in distributed storage devices connected to a central server. Users are authorized against a centralized user database which indicates whether a user can obtain stored image information. Thus, Ugawa is concerned with decentralizing data storage, while allowing users to access the distributed data through a centralized database for authorized users, without requiring a large-scale computer system in the game arcade.<sup>3</sup> Further, Ugawa describes using a cellular phone to access a server computer.<sup>4</sup> However, Applicant submits that Ugawa is silent regarding ***displaying information corresponding to the service obtained by the obtaining means***, as recited by Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits, and indeed the outstanding Office Action does not assert otherwise, that Matsumoto fails to cure the above deficiency of Stenman in view of Ugawa.

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<sup>1</sup> Outstanding Office Action, page 4, lines 21-22.

<sup>2</sup> Ugawa, abstract.

<sup>3</sup> Ugawa, machine translation of paragraphs [0001-0008].

<sup>4</sup> Ugawa, machine translation of paragraph [0018].

Further, the outstanding Office Action acknowledges that Stenman in view of Ugawa “does not specifically teach showing the user how to obtain the predetermined services.”<sup>5</sup> However, the outstanding Office Action asserts that Matsumoto cures this deficiency by describing “showing the user how to obtain the predetermined services” in Figure 5 and column 6, lines 1-23 of Matsumoto.<sup>6</sup>

Turning to the applied reference, Matsumoto describes a portable terminal system and a method thereof. It is an object of Matsumoto to provide a terminal system which requires simple operation, and which can be easily operated even by people who have weak eyesight.<sup>7</sup> To achieve these objectives, Matsumoto describes a system which includes “a text browser provided for use in perusing text contents which are supposed to be displayed at a display section,” and “a help browser provided for use in perusing help contents which show a method of **utilizing said text contents**.”<sup>8</sup> Matsumoto indicates that the help provided by the help content shows a **method of utilizing** various content,<sup>9</sup> rather than **obtaining a service**. For example, Matsumoto describes how on-line help shows “how to play [a game],”<sup>10</sup> which clearly indicates that a user is **not obtaining** a service, but rather **utilizing** something that the user already has.

Further, Matsumoto describes a configuration of a terminal which utilizes LEDs to illuminate buttons which are active and are available to be pressed by a user.<sup>11</sup> Matsumoto also describes a configuration of this terminal which uses vibrations of individual key buttons to enable “even a person having a trouble with eyesight [to] learn the operation method through hearing voice messages [and] feeling vibrations from the key buttons.”<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Outstanding Office Action, page 5, lines 14-15.

<sup>6</sup> Outstanding Office Action, page 5, lines 15-16.

<sup>7</sup> Matsumoto, column 2, lines 1-8.

<sup>8</sup> Matsumoto, column 2, lines 20-24.

<sup>9</sup> Matsumoto, column 2, line 13; column 3, lines 24-25.

<sup>10</sup> Matsumoto, Figure 5.

<sup>11</sup> Matsumoto, column 6, lines 2-4.

<sup>12</sup> Matsumoto, column 7, lines 39-43.

Thus, Matsumoto describes an approach to **simplify the execution of an operation itself**, but does not teach or suggest instruction information showing the user *procedures how to obtain* predetermined services, as recited in independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Matsumoto fails to cure the admitted deficiency of Stenman in view of Ugawa. Claim 11, while directed to an alternate embodiment, recites similar features as Claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 11 (and any associated dependent claims) patentably define over any proper combination of Stenman, Ugawa and Matsumoto.

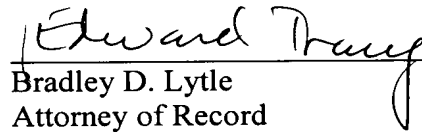
New Claims 12-14 recite features that are believed to further define over the applied references. Claim 12 recites a transceiver configured to obtain an image from the obtaining means. Claims 13 and 14 recite receiving game information from a tabulation server, and displaying information tabulated by the tabulation server. New Claims 12-14 are supported at least by Figures 2 and 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12-14 recite features not taught or suggested by the cited references, and are accordingly believed to be allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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